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# Gains Gradual In Pacification, Komer Reports

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A phaseout of the American effort in Vietnam's pacification program is farther in the future than a military phaseout, Robert W. Komer, Deputy Ambassador in charge of the program, said yesterday.

Komer reported after President Johnson's final meeting of the current series with his military and diplomatic representatives in Vietnam that progress in pacification, or rural development, "is slow, gradual, undramatic."

Gen. William C. Westmoreland, commander of American military forces in Vietnam, has predicted that a military phaseout could begin in two years.

The President spent two hours at breakfast with Westmoreland, Komer, Ambassador Ellsworth Bunker and top officials here. Press Secretary George Christian said that there were "no major decisions of any kind."

'General Review'

The meetings the President has held with Bunker, Westmoreland and Komer over the last week represented a "general review" of all subjects related to Vietnam, Christian said.

The talks covered progress in pacification, cooperation with the new government in Saigon, military and other matters, according to Christian.

Throwing cold water on speculation about another bombing pause, Christian said that the subject has not been "a matter of decision or discussion."

Westmoreland is scheduled to leave for Vietnam today and Bunker and Komer are leaving Friday.

When asked if pacification could be phased out in two years, Komer said:

"I think this: that pacification will certainly take longer than military operations. We could assign any time

frame to it."

Asked if he believed it would take generations, Komer replied: "I emphatically do not."

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"This is a war for the hearts and minds of the farmer in the hamlet," Komer said. "Great things just don't happen. Dramatic developments do not take place."

"I did report that I was personally most encouraged by the intent of the new government . . . to place a great deal more emphasis on pacification and on programs that are designed to give some things to the rural population."

Asked if "we are winning the hearts and minds of the people," Komer said:

"I don't want to paint too rosy a picture. As I said, this is a slow, gradual process. I think that it is gradually becoming apparent that more of the people are giving their positive allegiance to Saigon with each passing month."

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